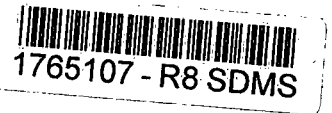


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April 19, 2000

Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Attention: Civil Division
206-A North Murchison Street
Athens, TX 75751

Re: In the Matter of Rico Argentine Mine: St. Louis Tunnel
and Associated Treatment Ponds, Rico, Colorado

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of an "Administrative Warrant to Determine the Need for, and to Undertake, Response Action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq."

Please serve the copy Warrant as expeditiously as possible and return the original with the return of serve filled in. The name of the individual to be served, address and telephone number are:

Mr. Wayne Webster
5345 Impala South Road
Athens, TX 75751

Telephone: (903) 677-1679

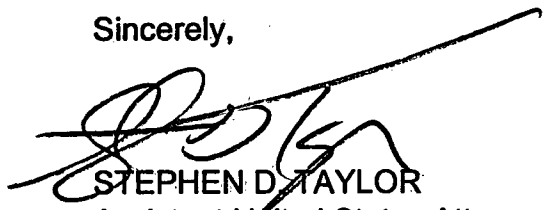
Please note the referenced document was issued by United States District Court for the District of Colorado. A check in the amount of \$50.00 is enclosed for service fees as required by your office.

An envelope is provided for the return of service of the Warrant.

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Your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please telephone me at (303) 454-0103.

Sincerely,



STEPHEN D. TAYLOR
Assistant United States Attorney

Enclosures
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